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Rancho Mirage Small Business Seminar on September 23

Sacramento – Business owners looking to grow their businesses and learn more about complying with state and federal tax laws are invited to attend the [Small Business Seminar in Rancho Mirage](#) on Tuesday, September 23, 2014. California State Board of Equalization (BOE) Vice Chair Michelle Steel is sponsoring this free event with Assemblymember Brian Nestande, the City of Rancho Mirage and the Rancho Mirage Chamber of Commerce.

Those looking for assistance will benefit from presentations given by representatives from BOE, Franchise Tax Board, Employment Development Department, Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Small Business Administration, Small Business Development Center, and Taxpayers' Rights Advocates. Seminar topics include sales and use tax basics, forms of ownership, better business through better records, employee or independent contractor, and loan programs and services.

Event: Free Rancho Mirage Small Business Seminar
Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2014
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. (Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.)
Place: Rancho Mirage Library
Community Room (Free parking)
71-100 Highway 111
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

Registration: 1-888-847-9652 or [online](#)

Editor's note: The following PSAs ([15-second audio](#)) and ([30-second audio](#)) are available for your use.

Learn more about a variety of other BOE [in-person](#) seminars and [online](#) seminars.

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Elected to the Board of Equalization in 2006 and re-elected in 2010, Michelle Steel serves as Southern California's elected taxpayer advocate. In December 2007, Steel discovered the Board of Equalization had delayed the return of millions of dollars in security deposits owed to California businesses. Procedures were changed due to Steel's decisive leadership. Following her investigation, the tax agency refunded tax security deposits to over 5,500 small businesses. To date, over \$100 million in security deposits have been returned to taxpayers.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects \$56 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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